

SECTION III. ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS

B. Uses Permitted.^{1 2} The following set of tables establishes the uses permitted, permitted by conditional or interim use permit, or not permitted. **All uses are subject to the requirements or performance standards of this ordinance.** Performance standards applicable to uses in all zoning districts are given in Section V.

Key: A = Allowed, no permit required; P = A use allowed, but which may require a land use permit; CU = A use requiring a Conditional Use Permit; IU = A use requiring an Interim Use Permit; X = not permitted.

RESIDENTIAL USES	RCR	RR	UR	RS	CS	C-U	C-R	I
Keeping of Animals (as per Section V.V of this ordinance) ³	A	<u>A/IU</u>	<u>A/IU</u>	<u>A/IU</u>	<u>A/IU</u>	A	A	A

SECTION V. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

V. KEEPING OF ANIMALS

The purpose of these regulations is to permit and regulate the keeping of small animals not otherwise regulated by this ordinance as livestock or under Alexandria Township Ordinance #117 (dogs and cats) as may be amended from time to time. These regulations are intended to provide a higher development standard and to control the keeping of small animals so as to preserve the residential nature of certain areas.

1. General

a. Poisonous, venomous, wild or exotic animals are prohibited throughout the Township.

b. Unless kept entirely within a dwelling (not including attached garages), the keeping of animals subject to this ordinance is not allowed on lots less than one acre in size or with a width of 60 feet or less.

~~b. To provide a higher development standard and to control the keeping of small animals so as to preserve the residential nature of certain areas. This The remainder of this section shall be applicable to all parcels of land within which are one (1) to two and one-half (2.5) acres in size and within the Urban Residential, Rural Residential or shoreland district zoning districts that are one (1) to two and one-half (2.5) acres in size. contain five acres or less.~~

2. Definitions

Animal, Small: Animals or fowl not otherwise defined as livestock by this ordinance, as a dog or cat under Alexandria Township Ordinance #117 as may be amended from time to time, or as a “regulated animal” under Minnesota Statutes 346.155. Small animals shall, except for dogs and cats, include any animal kept as a pet or for the purpose of food production (either for personal consumption or sale) such as, but not limited to, chickens, guinea hens, geese, ducks, turkeys, pigeons, peacocks, rabbits,

¹ Amended 7/2/2007 (Resolution #07-09)

² Amended 12/7/2009 (Resolution #09-05) to reflect addition of interim uses

³ Added 5/21/2012 (Resolution #12-05)

miniature pigs, mink, ferrets, nonvenemous snakes less than 6 feet in length, parrots and other birds, and other animals or fowl of similar size and type. Small animals or fowl under 3 months in age shall not be included when computing the number of allowed small animals or fowl. Beekeeping shall not be considered a small animal for the purpose of these regulations (see Section V.W for regulations specific to beekeeping).

Fowl/Poultry, Large: Geese, turkeys, peacocks

Fowl/Poultry, Small: Chickens, guinea hens, ducks, pigeons, parrots and other birds.

Reptiles/Amphibians, Small: Snakes, lizards, iguanas, chameleons, salamanders, turtles, frogs

Mammals, Small: Rabbit, mink, ferret, miniature/pot-belly pigs

3. Regulations

This ordinance establishes three general categories of regulations affecting small animals. The three general categories are defined as follows:

- a. **Small animals kept within a dwelling.** Any small animals kept completely and entirely within a dwelling are not regulated by this ordinance. These are animals that are generally kept as pets and are contained within cages, aquariums, or other similar enclosures. Small reptiles/amphibians and talking birds (parrots, parakeets, cockatoos, etc...) are only allowed when kept completely and entirely within a dwelling.
- b. **Small animals kept within an attached or detached accessory building (or in a fenced area of up to 36 sq ft that must be attached to an accessory building setback from neighboring property lines at least 25 feet).** The keeping of ~~up to three (3)~~ small animals shall be allowed as an allowed or an interim use, provided that such animals are sufficiently contained so as to prevent their running at large or entering the premise of any neighboring property. The maximum number of animals allowed shall be as follows:

<u>Type of Animal</u>	<u>Allowed Use*</u>	<u>Interim Use*</u>
<u>Small Fowl/Poultry</u>	<u>1 per 14 sq ft of fenced area, up to 3 animals.</u>	<u>1 per 12 sq ft of fenced area, up to 6 animals.</u>
<u>Large Fowl/Poultry</u>	<u>1 per 26 sq ft of fenced area, up to 2 animals</u>	<u>1 per 26 sq ft of fenced area, up to 4 animals</u>
<u>Talking birds</u>	<u>Only allowed in a dwelling</u>	<u>Only allowed in a dwelling</u>
<u>Small reptiles/amphibians</u>	<u>Only allowed in a dwelling</u>	<u>Only allowed in a dwelling</u>

<u>Small Mammals (except pigs)</u>	<u>1 per 10 sq ft of fenced area, up to 3 animals.</u>	<u>1 per 10 sq ft of fenced area, up to 6 animals.</u>
<u>Miniature/Pot-Belly Pigs</u>	<u>1 per 200 sq ft of fenced area, up to one animal or in a dwelling</u>	<u>1 per 200 sq ft of fenced area, up to 2 animals or in a dwelling.</u>
* <u>Number of animals allowed shall increase by 50% for each half-acre of land above one acre (ex. A 2 acre parcel may have up to 6 small fowl/poultry as a permitted use and 12 as an interim use provided the required amount of enclosed space is provided).</u>		

~~b.c.~~ **Small animals running at large or in numbers greater than three.** Small animals ~~in numbers greater than three (3), or small animals~~ that are allowed to run at large or are otherwise uncontained within a building or shelter shall not be permitted.

4. Performance Standards

- a. **Disposal of Animal Feces.** A property owner shall clean and properly dispose of animal feces on a daily or weekly basis, or as necessary to ensure that odors do not become a nuisance to any nearby property owner or the public.
- b. **Noise.** No owner shall permit any animal under his or her custody or control to create a nuisance by way of crying, howling, screeching, growling or other vocalization.
- c. **Maintenance of facilities/enclosures.** All facilities, buildings or other enclosures for the housing of small animals shall be constructed of material appropriate for the animal involved, contain and restrain the animal they are designed or built to contain without causing injury to, or depriving the animal of necessary environmental elements, and be maintained in good repair.